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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Conversation With Bill Woodruff, Senate Appropriations
Committee Staff**

1. In a conversation with Bill Woodruff today the subject of budget cuts came up. He mentioned that the Senate Appropriations Committee was going to cut DIA, NSA, and NRO and added that some cut would have to be made in the Agency's budget. He said Senator Russell has long felt that the Agency--in fact the Government--should get out of the business of supporting the Radios. Russell made his feelings clear when it was necessary to make periodical withdrawals from our Reserve for the Radios last year pending action on regular appropriation legislation. Woodruff said Senator Ellender also is anxious to see the Agency get out of the business of supporting the Radios. Woodruff said he would expect that the Committee would cut the Radio budget by about [redacted] if Representative Mahon agreed.

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2. Woodruff also referred to the remark made by Senator Young at our budget hearing that while he personally did not look at National Intelligence Estimates the Committee staff man (Woodruff) did have access to them. Woodruff said before [redacted] he would like to come out and look at the NIE's on the Soviet ICBM program, Soviet submarines, and the Chinese threat "so as not to make a liar out of Senator Young."

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